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"The Government has been completely exonerated of the Charges laid by Col. Bradshaw."—Says a subsidized party press.

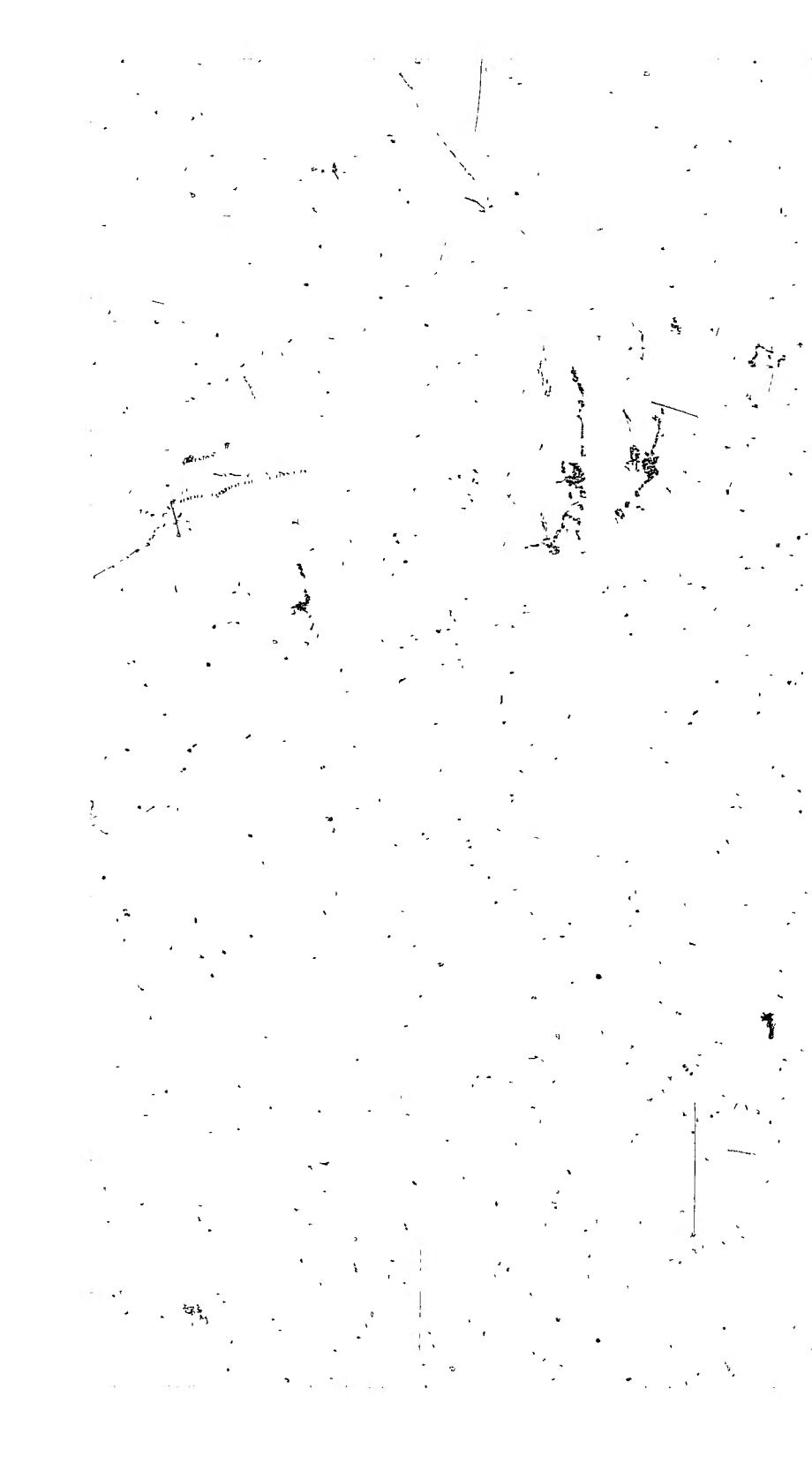
## What Have the Royal Commissions Revealed?



*"My soul, I'd sooner lie in jail for murder, plain and straight,  
Pure crime I'd done with my own hand for money, lust or hate,  
Than take a seat in Parliament by fellow felons cheered,  
While one of those 'not proven' proves me cleared as you are cleared."  
Rudyard Kipling*



Bradshaw has been Vindicated



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### **CHARGE**

That sums of money aggregating over \$50,000 were paid out by the Government on various pretended contracts for road work not done.

### **PROVEN**

Frauds so far uncovered by the Wetmore Commission which has not yet completed its investigations amount to \$64,395.

### **CHARGE**

That among others, H. C. Pierce, a member of the Legislature, was bribed to oppose the Government bill to abolish the bar, introduced into the Assembly in December, 1913.

### **FINDING OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION**

"We are satisfied and find that Pierce not only received a large sum of money from the Licensed Victuallers' Association as a bribe, in connection with the said legislation, but also that he, Pierce, allowed himself to be used as an active instrument to further the plans of the Licensed Victuallers' Association in an attempt to defeat the said legislation."

### **CHARGE**

That, among others, C. W. Cawthorpe, a member of the Legislature, was bribed to oppose the Government bill to abolish the bar, introduced into the Assembly in December, 1913.

### **FINDING OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION**

"We are satisfied and find that Cawthorpe received from the Licensed Victuallers' Association a large sum of money as a bribe in connection with the legislation in question."

### **CHARGE**

That, among others, S. S. Simpson, a member of the Legislature, was bribed to oppose the Government bill to abolish the bar, introduced into the Assembly in December, 1913.

### **FINDING OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION**

**Not Proven.**

### **CHARGE**

That, among others, Gerhard Ens, then a member of the Legislature (now a highly paid official of the Government), was bribed to oppose the Government bill to abolish the bar, introduced into the Assembly in December, 1913.

### **FINDING OF ONE COMMISSIONER (Commissioner Brown Dissenting)**

"That Ens did receive the \$500 from the Licensed Victuallers' Association."

### **CHARGE**

That in 1913 J. A. Sheppard, then Speaker of the Legislature, received \$700 from H. H. Mead, of Moose Jaw, on behalf of an applicant for a liquor license for a hotel at Limerick, Sask., for the purpose of securing the license.

### **FINDING OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION**

"We find that prior to the granting of the license Sheppard gave the interested parties to understand that it would be necessary to contribute \$1,000 to the party campaign funds in order to secure the license, and that on this understanding the interested parties undertook to contribute the said sum and that subsequent to the granting of the license the \$700 was paid to Sheppard pursuant to such undertaking."

### **CHARGE**

That J. A. Sheppard received money during May, 1914, at Moose Jaw from Joseph Bernhardt and Anthony Bernhardt, now in Winnipeg, for the purpose of securing such license.

### **FINDING OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION**

"We find that the Bernhardts were given to understand by Sheppard and J. D. Simpson (prominent Liberal worker) that in order to have their application favorably considered it would be necessary to undertake payment of \$1,000, and that the payment was undertaken and, in part, paid on that understanding."

### **CHARGE**

That in 1914 C. W. Cawthorpe received \$100 from John Markling, a liquor licensee of Biggar, in consideration of stifling an alleged complaint against him.

Or, in the alternative, the said Cawthorpe obtained from the said Markling the said \$100 under circumstances amounting to an obtaining of money under false pretences.

### **FINDING OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION**

"We find that Cawthorpe received from Markling \$100 in cash under the aforesaid circumstances and that he appropriated the same to his own use."

### **CHARGE**

That in September, 1912, Hon. A. P. MacNab was a party to having charges against William Robertson, of Alsask, withdrawn in consideration of promise of political support.

### **FINDING OF ONE COMMISSIONER**

(Commissioner Brown dissenting, although he finds that "there does not appear to have been any good reason for withdrawing the prosecution of these charges against Robertson.")

"I am, therefore, forced to the conclusion, and it seems to me the only conclusion on the evidence, that these prosecutions were withdrawn as a result of the interview which took place between Robertson and MacNab."

### **CHARGE**

That S. R. Moore in 1913 received three notes for \$1,500 and afterwards money in payment on the notes from Nagi Haddad, of Kincaid, an applicant for a liquor license for the purpose of securing said license.

### **FINDING OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION**

"While we are not satisfied that Moore was financially interested in the notes that were thus given, it is clear that he, with full knowledge of the facts, gave every assistance in the planning and carrying out of the scheme, and for that reason he is in our opinion equally culpable."

### **CHARGE**

That S. R. Moore received \$500 from J. Kennedy, an applicant for a liquor license, for the purpose of securing said license.

### **FINDING OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION**

"We find that Moore and his associates, while leading Kennedy to believe that they were going to build an hotel, did not intend to build one; that the promise of Kennedy to pay \$10,000 or \$5,000 was made on the assumption that Moore and his associates intended to build an hotel and for the purpose of having them withdraw and of obtaining Moore's influence to secure a license for Kennedy. Some time later Kennedy handed to Moore a cheque for \$500 in favor of the Frontier Hotel Company, which was subsequently divided between the members of the company, Moore getting his share."

### **CHARGE**

That J. F. Bole in 1913, then a member of the Legislative Assembly (and now the highest paid official in the Government service), received money from the George Velie Company, an applicant for a liquor license, for the purpose of securing such license.

### **FINDING OF ONE COMMISSIONER**

Commissioner Brown finding the charge not proven.

"Bole's evidence was most unsatisfactory, and I, therefore, accept the evidence of the Hillmans and find that he was a party to the obtaining of the money from the Velie Company."

### **CHARGE**

That in 1912 J. F. Bole, then a member of the Legislative Assembly, stifled prosecutions against the Victoria Hotel Company and Andreas Ehman at Craik, liquor licensees, in consideration of political support of Andreas Ehman.

### **FINDING OF THE ROYAL COMMISSIONERS**

**Not Proven.**

**Bradshaw is Vindicated**

## THE HARVEST

H. C. Pierce, former M.L.A. for Wadena, sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment and a fine of \$500 or an additional six months for bribery.

E. H. Devline, former M.L.A. for Kinistino, sentenced to three years in the penitentiary for fraud.

C. W. Cawthorpe, M.L.A. for Biggar, expelled from the Legislature.

S. R. Moore, M.L.A. for Pinto Creek, read out of the Liberal party.

J. A. Sheppard, former Speaker of the Legislature, driven from public life.

Job P. Brown, Chief Clerk in the Roads Branch of the Highways Department, sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary on four charges of forgery and fraud.

Arthur Simpson, Clerk in the Highways Department, self-confessed thief and forger, retained in the public service for three months after his confession and then permitted to enlist.

Robert Godfrey, former inspector of highways, sentenced to eighteen months in jail for fraud.

John Bettin, former inspector of highways, sentenced to six months in jail for fraud.

Clayton Peterson found guilty of perjury in connection with his evidence on the liquor charges. Passing of sentence deferred pending the hearing of an appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada.

A. J. MacPherson forced to resign the chairmanship of the Local Government Board.

C. A. Rosen convicted of tampering with witnesses. Conviction quashed on the ground that the Royal Commission could not delegate its powers to a third commissioner.

John F. Lindsay, prominent Liberal worker, arrested for complicity in the Brown frauds, died suddenly while out on bail.

Remember also that —

¶ Six Officials engaged in Relief Work were dismissed for drunkenness and disobedience of orders.

¶ Three Sheriffs have been prosecuted for fraud. Two have been dismissed from office. One has been found short in his accounts and two bailiffs found to have embezzled public moneys.

¶ J. F. Bole and Gerhard Ens are still drawing salaries from the Government.

**Is the Old Gang still to Continue to Rule?**

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